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PURINE METABOLISM GENES IN PLANTS

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

■ was filed on **28 JULY 2000** as U.S. Application No. _____ or PCT International Application No. _____**PCT/US00/21009** and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

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Application No.	Country	Filing Date	Priority Claimed (Yes/No)
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Application No.	Filing Date	Status (patented, pending or abandoned)
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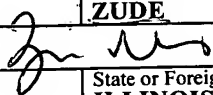
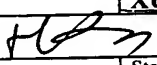
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